The changes are helpful to homeowners because they:

- 1) Provide more flexibility in living arrangements
- 2) Provide for safer and healthier homes (by requiring inspections of new work)
- 3) Provide income (through accessory apartment rents)
- 4) Eliminate the need to seek expensive and time-consuming BZA review in some cases

The community is better off because the changes:

- 1) Provide additional housing at no cost to the City
- 2) Provide additional property tax revenue (through home improvements)
- 3) Provide for public safety (by requiring inspections of new work)
- 4) Provide better clarity of zoning regulations (by eliminating differences between different categories of basement)